

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2815  
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LOANS TO ROAD PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether various banks in the country including the State Bank of India have reportedly stopped lending for road projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of road projects stalled due to inadequate lending by the banks, State / UT-wise;
- (d) whether the lending for the road projects contributed to the Non-Performing Assets of the public and private sector banks;
- (e) if so, the details thereof for each of the last three years and the current year, bank-wise; and
- (f) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) to (d) No Bank including State Bank of India has stopped lending for road projects. These projects are considered on their merit. Banks have indicated that some of the projects have slowed down because of other reasons viz. land acquisition problems and implementation related impediments / delay in obtaining Ministry of Environment & Forests (MOEF) clearances.
- (e) The bank-wise data on advances & NPAs in Road Sector, as provided by RBI, is annexed.
- (f) Not applicable.